



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Habitat Restoration along Carmel Valley Road (08-09-SD-02)

**LOCATION:** Torrey Pines State Reserve

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

This project consists of the removal of Hottentot fig and other species (including non native trees) within a 2 acre disturbed area between the lagoon and the Carmel Valley Road Right of Way locate in Torrey Pines State Reserve. Following non-native species removal the site will be planted with appropriate native species (4" rose pots) and watered on a temporary, above ground irrigation system. Temporary Symbolic fencing will be installed along the State Park City of San Diego Boundary to minimize the potential for inadvertent damage during the replanting effort. All work involving noise louder than 60 decibels/hour (or ambient) will be conducted outside the breeding season for California gnatcatcher. Light-footed Clapper Rail, and Belding's Savannah Sparrow. Vegetation removal will be conducted using best management practices in order to prevent inadvertent soil losses. Site irrigation will be carefully monitored so saline habitats are not significantly affected. Per standard policy, a biologist or cultural resource specialist will ensure avoidance of significant natural or cultural resources during project implementation.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** San Diego Coast

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption  
Class: 33 Section(s): 15333

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.

Project consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife that would not disturb hazardous materials or cause significant adverse effects on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat (Class 33).

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